

Decline and Fall

I	N	F	E	C	T	S	R	G	H	U
M	G	O	B	L	E	T	M	E	D	I
A	P	R	E	E	N	R	E	P	E	N
T	A	G	E	N	D	A	R	I	N	S
E	P	A	R	D	O	N	G	A	T	E
R	E	N	Y	A	W	D	E	L	A	T
O	R	T	A	R	N	S	W	A	N	F
U	S	E	D	S	M	E	A	R	D	A
S	H	M	O	M	E	N	T	W	A	S
T	E	P	R	A	N	D	I	A	L	T
I	L	L	E	R	T	E	N	S	O	N

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
LOW FINANCE

Across

1. INF(L)ECT
2. S(O)RGHUM
3. GOBLET
4. MEDIA
5. PREEN
6. REPENT
7. AGENDA
8. RINSE
9. PARDON
10. GATE
11. (W)REN
12. YAW
13. DE(F)LATOR
14. TARN
15. SWAN
16. FUSED
17. SMEAR
18. DASH
19. MOMENT
20. WASTE
21. PRANDIAL
22. TILLER
23. TENS(I)ON

Down

1. I(N)MATE
2. ROUSTING
3. PAPER
4. SHELF
5. ORGAN
6. TEMPLE
7. BEERY
8. ADORE
9. C(A)LENDAR
10. SMART
11. **ENDOWMENT**
12. STRAND
13. SENDER
14. MERGE
15. WA(N)TING
16. EPI(C)
17. ALAR
18. WASH
19. DENT
20. ANDALOU
21. INSET
22. FAST(E)N